

rency to the effect that the Transvaal Boers are to govern Swaziland. The Kaffirs are said to be threatening in their attitude towards the British.

The witness Leach, one of the hands of the ship *Durbridge*, who was committed for trial for perjury in connection with the late trial of the chief officer and the steward of the vessel for the alleged murder of Captain Raven Little, has been discharged.

The Archbishop of Aix has issued a manifesto in connection with the approaching general elections in France, in which he bitterly renews his attack upon the republic. He demands that the laws relating to education and the military laws shall be recast, and asserts that the Pope does not ask the French people to accept the present Government.

The conference of socialists from all parts of the world which is at present sitting at Zurich, Switzerland, has carried a resolution insisting upon a general military disarmament. It was also decided to release to contribute in the event of war occurring.

The Government of China has replied to the demand of Russia declining to withdraw the Chinese troops from the Pamirs.

At the sitting of the Socialist Conference at Zurich, in Switzerland, the chairman, Belgium, applied the closure during the speech of an Australian delegate, who was discussing the question of a universal May Day celebration. The Australian delegate thereupon withdrew from the conference, shouting, as he left the hall, "Australia is worth ten Belgiums." A scene of uproar followed.

August 13th.

The Emperor William has decided to make Danzig, in Prussia, a free port.

It is understood that the Earl of Kintore, Governor of South Australia, has decided to remain in Adelaide until his term of office expires.

The Unionists are adverse to Mr. Gladstone's proposal for a joint conference to deal with the schedules for the redistribution of seats in Ireland.

Since the Radical party came into power in Serbia, 70 political murders have been committed within four months.

ADLAIDE, August 13th.

His Excellency the Earl of Kintore says that there is absolutely no authority for saying that he will continue in office after the end of the year, as stated in a cablegram from London.

A terrible railway disaster has taken place at Llandudnam, Glamorganshire, South Wales. An excursion train crammed with holiday-makers became derailed, and three carriages rolled down a steep embankment for a distance of 50 yards. The carriages were completely smashed, and many of the passengers were so wedged in the wreckage that it was with the greatest difficulty that the living and the dead could be extricated.

Fifteen were killed, and 50 others were more or less seriously injured.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed.

A petition signed by 103,000 Irish women, protesting against the granting of Home Rule to Ireland, has been presented to Her Majesty the Queen.

H.M.S. *Triumph*, having the survivors of the ill-fated ship *Victoria* on board, arrived at Portsmouth from Malta to-day.

Many affecting scenes were witnessed on the landing of the survivors.

LONDON, August 16th.

The match between the Australian Eleven and an All-England Eleven was concluded yesterday, resulting in a victory for the Englishmen by an innings and 43 runs. The scores were—All-England, 1st innings, 473; Australians, 1st innings, 91, 2nd, 349.

The riots in Bombay have now ceased, and order has been restored. 1500 persons have been arrested in connection with the riots.

The shipment of frozen beef from Townsville by the *De la Warr*, which has now arrived in London, is the best beef as regards quality and condition that has yet been received.

The award of the Behring Sea Arbitration Court is officially announced, and is altogether in favor of the claims of Great Britain.

BRISBANE, August 17th.

Large numbers of officers in the Colonial Secretary's Department have been dismissed, transferred to furtherance of the Government policy of retrenchment. Most of the changes are in the Navy.

The Commandant has, owing to financial reasons, disbanded a large number of the corps of the Queensland Defence Force.

In the Assembly yesterday, a bill to further amend the Crown Lands Acts from 1884 to 1892 was read a first time on the motion of Mr. Bailow. The Government have decided not to repeal the Superannuation Clause of the Civil Service Act.

SYDNEY, August 17th.

The Labor Electoral League of New Wales have decided to despatch a lecturer and advocates throughout the colony with the object of securing the return of labor members at the next general election.

John Makin, who was convicted of murder in connection with the Sydney baby-farming cases, was executed at Darlinghurst last yesterday.

The six men who were detained in custody in connection with the recent outrage at Miller's Point, Sydney, have been released on bail on their own recognisance.

MELBOURNE, August 17th.

Panton, P.M., of Melbourne, has declined to grant a fresh summons in connection with the Mercantile Bank prosecution, and it is understood that the matter will come before the Supreme Court.

August 18th.

Owing to the intense heat throughout England harvesting and military operations have been deferred.

General Sir Evelyn Wood has forbidden military parades after 10 a.m. owing to the heat.

Two hundred Socialists of Prague objected to the celebrations in honor of the birthday of the Emperor of Austria.

They rioted and stoned the police and wrecked a number of houses.

Owing to jealousy a number of French workmen fought and defeated a number of Italian workmen at Algiers, a town in France.

Ten men were killed and many seriously hurt. The police and military are protecting 4000 Welsh miners who are willing to work.

The military have closed the approaches to the Ebbw Vale colliery and placed outposts among the hills adjacent.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were crowded out of last night's issue:

LONDON, August 17th.

In the House of Lords to-day Earl Northbrook, for some time Governor-General of India, called attention to the existing obstacles to the importation of manufactured silver from India, arising from the compulsory Hall marking law in England. He said that the silver in the hands of the people of India was estimated to amount in value to £150,000,000 to £160,000,000.

Owing to the stoppage of free coinage of silver by the Indian Government the people are unable to find a market for their metal, and are suffering enormous losses. The abolition of the Hall marking law in England to-day, with free trade in silver manufactured from silver, would, he declared, mitigate the evils brought about by the stoppage of free coinage.

Earl Kimberley, Secretary of State for India, admitted that it is desirable to change the law. Silver manufacturers in England are, however, opposed to the abolition of the law compelling their goods to bear the Hall mark. He saw no reason why the various standards of manufactured silver ought not to exist in England the same as in other countries. Earl Northbrook moved that the Secretary of State for India submit to the House the papers he has on the subject. Earl Kimberley promised that he would do so.

It is reported that Empress William of Germany has given the Scotch yacht-designer, Watson, carte blanche to build the fastest yacht he can, thirty feet long.

News of a sad accident to a party of excursionists was received this evening from Port Talbot, Wales. Twenty-eight pleasure-seekers took a boat at Port Talbot and put out into Swansea bay, where a heavy sea struck the boat, capsizing it and drowning, including several women and children, were drowned. The others were saved.

August 8th.

Emperor William's real object in coming to England this year was to obtain a pledge from the Queen that, all being well, she will visit the German court next spring. A vague promise was given when the Emperor and Empress were at Windsor that the Queen would return the visit soon, but it has not yet been fulfilled, and the Emperor is getting anxious to have the time and place positively fixed.

The Queen will not go to Berlin or Potsdam, so it will probably be arranged for the Emperor and Empress to entertain her at Coblenz, either at the Electoral Palace, which for many years was the favorite residence of Empress Augusta, or at the well-known Castle of Stolzenfels on the Rhine.

Seven hundred and forty-seven thousand pounds in United States coin were withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day. The gold is for America, and taken in various lots by several banking houses with agents in Chicago, San Francisco and other Western cities, and more is to go in the same manner.

Gladstone announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government intended to hold an autumn session. The announcement was received with loud cheering by the supporters of the Government.

NEW YORK, August 8th.

The engagements of gold for the steamers to-day and Saturday aggregate \$1,500,000, making \$5,000,000 on the way to this country.

BERLIN, August 8th.

Emperor William arrived at Holland to-day. He was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the natives.

VICTORIA (B.C.), August 8th.

Recently while at Kato, T.M. Daly, Minister of the Interior, expressed himself as in favor of extending Canadian silver currency. Canada is not at present coining dollars.

BUDA PEST, August 8th.

Count Andreas Bethlen, the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture, has issued a statement showing that there would be a decrease of about 4,500,000 hundredweights in the wheat yield, 4,000,000 in rye and 300,000 in barley as compared with last year.

LONDON, August 9th.

Four hundred and ninety-five thousand pounds in gold were withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day for shipment to the United States. The Bank of England is charging a premium on eagles, and is holding big gold at a higher rate. Eight hundred and thirty thousand pounds was shipped to-day for New York on the North German Lloyd steamer *Lahn* and the White Star liner *Britannic*.

Dispatches from Berlin say that the United States, Great Britain and Germany have resolved on a decisive and combined action to end the Samoan trouble. It is said that Matasa will be expelled. In the House of Commons to-day William McCarty (Conservative) moved the adoption of an amendment to the home rule bill providing for effect that the Irish members who shall be retained to the Imperial Parliament shall vote on no bill, motion or amendment except motions that may be made amendatory to the home rule bill. After debate the motion was defeated by a vote of 221 to 83.

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Three-fourths of the total population of Russia are engaged in cultivating the soil.

A master chimney sweep is among the new members of the German Reichstag.

There are firms in London that make a business of leasing out wedding dresses.

The monkeys at the Zoological Garden in Vienna have all died of consumption.

New custodians of Shakespeare's house in Stratford are both patient and chiding.

The Franco-German frontier-line is to be re-marked to avoid awkward "incidents."

A Royal Commission is trying to find out the cause of agricultural depression in England.

Quite a colony of Americans has settled in Cows, Isle of Wight, for the yachting season.

An Egyptian exhibition is to be held at Cairo next winter under the auspices of the Khedive.

In France it is proposed to arm the postmen who have charge of the delivery of postal orders.

Dr. Koch and his once-wanted consumption cure have fallen into disrepute in Germany.

General Mellinet, the oldest General in the French Army, was ninety-five years old the other day.

Scottish miners will work but four days a week.

Russia will raise the Washington Legation to an embassy.

The prediction is made at London that Parliament will be dissolved early in 1894.

England lost fifteen hundred and 2,352 officers and men in the last thirty years.

A ton of gold recently taken from the South African mines was on exhibition at Pretoria lately.

It is cited as complimentary that nearly all the monarchs of Europe are attended by American dentists.

New Zealand has set apart two islands for the preservation of its remarkable wild birds and other animals.

Mrs. Alice Shaw, the whistler, has made her appearance in London music halls, after a long tour in India.

All German workmen in Russian Poland have been ordered to learn the Russian language by January 1, 1894.

The finances of the Leeds Corporation Water-works for the past year show a clear net balance of profit of £5,551.

Statistics rapidly increasing all over Argentina. Statistics show that it has more than doubled during the past two years.

It has been found necessary to open a home in Sydney for servant girls out of employment, owing to existing depression.

A well-known South African millionaire is about to inaugurate a record by starting a pleasure coach in Cape Town.

An immense deposit of petroleum has been discovered on the eastern coast of Siberia. The oil can be had at 1 cent per gallon.

From 1875 to the present time over 100,000 acres annually have been reclaimed from marsh and sea by the people of Denmark.

India has shipped to Europe since April 1st, 7,600,000 bushels of wheat, against 16,400,000 bushels in the corresponding time last year.

An English surgeon has just distinctly traced an outbreak of scarlet fever in a house to the intrusion of a cat from an infected household.

Princess Maria of the Hellenic court recently from the European shore to the Atlantic, recalling the exploits of Leander and Byron.

The Alps this year are in splendid condition for climbing, and ascents are being made already, which are not usually undertaken till a month later.

As a result of the recent experience with France in Siam, the British Government manifests a strong disposition to join the Triple Alliance.

Wheat comes from Turkey that American wheat is to be imported into that country on a large scale and the import duty has been abolished.

It is 225 years since a blow was struck in the House of Commons until the row of July last. That historic blow cost its author imprisonment in the Tower.

A good deal of high play has been going on lately in some of the London clubs. The practice of paying with "paper" has been very much on the increase.

It is reported that Baron de Rothchild and Jacques Laboulaye, a millionaire sugar refiner, will start shortly a 1 cent sporting daily paper named the *Yellow Club*.

According to the opinions expressed by various Berlin journals, the

